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LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you again of massacres perpetrated from 15 to 22 November 1999 by the Rwandan aggressors against Congolese civilians in the occupied eastern territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Rwandan troops buried alive 15 Congolese women in the farming villages of Bulinzi, Bongombe and Ngando in the Mwenga territory, Sud-Kivu province, Democratic Republic of the Congo. These burials took place after the women had been completely coated with pepper.

The victims are as follows:

1. BITONDO Evelyne (Bulinzi village);
2. MBILIZI MUSOMBWA (Bulinzi village);
3. SAFI Christine (Bulinzi village);
4. KUNGWA Agnès (Bulinzi village);
5. NAKUSU Nakipimo Monique (Bulinzi village);
6. TABU Wakenge (Ilinda village);
7. NYASA Kasandule (Ilinda village);
8. MAPENDO Mutitu (Ilinda village);
9. BUKUMBU (Ilinda village);
10. Wife of MWAMI KISALI;
11. Mama SIFA;
12. Mama MUKOTO;
13. Another woman not yet identified;
14. MUKUNDA (Bongombe village);
15. MBILIZI Kyandundu (Ngando village).

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo notes that since the beginning of the war of aggression, several massacres have been committed with impunity by the aggressors in clear and serious violation of the relevant provisions of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto of 1977. The Government therefore reiterates its requests for investigation of all these violations of international humanitarian law with a view to punishing the violators.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo requests the Security Council to condemn these massacres and to take steps to bring their perpetrators to justice.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) André Mwamba KAPANGA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative